Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The arts and cultural activities are major contributors to the quality of life in the Rapid City area, and the entire community benefits when they are nurtured; and,

Whereas, Many articles, benefactors, administrators and others with outstanding contributions of vision, organizational skills, and talents are not adequately acknowledged and appreciated; and,

Whereas, The Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce, through its Cultural Affairs Committee, wishes to recognize those who create, develop, promote and fund these activities by establishing the annual "Rushmore Honors Awards" program; and,

Whereas, Kenny Putnam, Johanna Meier, Edgar Matuska, and Darla Drew Lerdal are preeminent examples of the vision, skills, and talents fundamental to the arts and cultural life of our community:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 1, 2005, as

RUSHMORE HONORS AWARDS DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State